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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EFFORTS TO WORK OUT INTERIM PACKAGE

REF: A. MANILA 9327

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PHIL CAB CHAIRMAN IS DISCUSSING WITH
US CARRIERS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT TO AUTHORIZE INCREASED
FREQUENCIES TO MANILA IN RETURN FOR US CARRIERS'
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN REDUCED-FARE FILIPINO
"HOMECOMING" PROGRAM WHICH IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY
PRESIDENT MARCOS. MANY DIFFERENCES REMAIN TO BE
RESOLVED, INCLUDING NATURE OF FARE TO BE OFFERED AND
WHAT ELEMENTS SHOULD BE IN "PACKAGE". MEANWHILE, GOP
REPORTED LIKELY TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD INTE-
GRATION AND REORGANIZATION OF PHIL AVIATION INDUSTRY
INVOLVING POSSIBLE CHANGE IN STATUS OF PAL. ACTION
REQUESTED: INFO FROM US CAB RE POSITION ON REPORTED PAL
FILING OF \$425 FARE LIMITED TO FILIPINO-AMERICANS.
END SUMMARY

1. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM GOP
CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTERIM US/RP CIVAIR REGIME, THERE
HAVE BEEN ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PCAB CHAIRMAN
TOURISM SECRETARY ASPIRAS, AND NORTHWEST AND PANAM
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REPS ON SUBJECT. CURRENT EFFORT OF US CARRIERS IS TO

OBTAIN INCREASED FREQUENCIES AT MANILA IN RETURN FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN REDUCED FARE PROGRAM FOR "HOMECOMING" FILIPINOS (REF A PARA 5). PRESIDENT MARCOS REPORTEDLY IS VIGOROUSLY PROMOTING HOMECOMING OPERATION TO TAKE PLACE IN PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 TO FEBRUARY 28.

2. BOTH US CARRIERS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM BUT HAVE NOT AGREED TO LOWER FARE TO \$425 ROUND TRIP PROPOSED BY ASPIRAS FOR FILIPINO-AMERICAN VISITORS. PAL HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED RELUCTANTLY TO THIS FARE. GOP IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PROMOTING CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR HOMECOMING TRAFFIC, BUT APPARENTLY RECOGNIZES VALUE OF UTILIZING REGULARLY SCHEDULED CARRIERS AS WELL.

3. NORTHWEST HAS INFORMALLY SUGGESTED \$475 AND PANAM IS SEEKING \$504 FOR GROUP OF 10, MINIMUM 35 DAY STAY. US CARRIERS OPPOSE ETHNIC DEFINITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REDUCED FARE. BUSINESS DAY AUG 22 REPORTED US CAB, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE REPORTED PAL FILING OF \$425 FARE, HAS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO REDUCED FARE PLAN ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OTHER CARRIERS WHICH WOULD RETAIN THE NORMAL FARE FOR THE TRIP. US CARRIERS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON ANY US CAB ACTION OR VIEWS ON THIS REDUCED FARE.

4. US CARRIERS HAVE INSISTED THAT INCREASED FREQUENCIES BE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD (I.E. FOR INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL AGREEMENT SIGNED) AND NOT LIMITED TO "HOMECOMING" SEASON. THEY DIFFER ON WHETHER OR NOT CARRIERS SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON ROUTE CHANGES SOUGHT BY APL AND GOP AS PART OF PACKAGE. NORTHWEST FIRM POSITION IS THAT ROUTE QUESTIONS BE AVOIDED ENTIRELY, WHILE PANAM HAS BEEN ON RECORD WITH GOP AS SUPPORTING PAL RIGHTS TO GUAM AND WILLING CONSIDER LOS ANGELES AS PART OF AN INTERIM PACKAGE.

5. ADDITIONAL FACTOR CLOUDING LOCAL CIVIL AIR PICTURE IS RELIABLE REPORT OF IMPENDING NEW GOVERNMENT MOVES TO INTEGRATE AND REORGANIZE PHIL AVIATION INDUSTRY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLY INCLUDING GOP ASSUMING CONTROL OF PAL. GOP FORECLOSURE ACTION AGAINST FILIPINAS ORIENT AND POSSIBLY AIR MANILA ALSO REPORTED UNDER CONSIDERATION.

6. COMMENT: AMONG UNCERTAINTIES AND SOURCES DELAY IN CURRENT FLUID SITUATION ARE INEXPERIENCE AND HESITATION OF ASPIRAS. ABSENCE OF CAB EXEC DIR AGCAOILI AT ROME ICAO MEETINGS FOR NEXT MONTH MAY ALSO DELAY ACTION ON PROPOSALS.

IN ANY EVENT, FINAL DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT
MARCOS WHO PERSONALLY MONITORING ALL ASPECTS OF US-RP CIVIL AIR
RELATIONSHIP. CLOUDING PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON INTERIM
ARRANGEMENTS IS RELIABLE REPORT THAT PRESIDENT DEEPLY
OFFENDED BY SEQUENCE OF EVENTS INVOLVING SEAWELL VISIT
FOLLOWED BY US CAB IMPOSITION PART 213 PROCEDURE. "HOMECOMING"
MAY OFFER CHANCE FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT, EVEN THOUGH FARE
STRUCTURE AND SINGLE PURPOSE OF EFFORT SUGGEST A FRAGILE
FREQUENCY/CAPACITY INCREASE IF OUR CARRIERS ACHIEVE IT. WE
DOUBT THAT THE NEW FREQUENCIES, IF GRANTED, WOULD SURVIVE
"HOMECOMING" WITHOUT CONCESSIONS TO PAL RE GUAM AND
PROBABLY SAN FRANCISCO/LOS ANGELES.
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